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Sir:

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The references were cited in a communication dated December 3, 2002 in a corresponding European Patent Application No. 00300389.4. A copy of the December 3, 2002 communication is enclosed.

Applicant notes that the reference JP 64-73739 can be numbered as JP 01-73739 due to the change of the Imperial era name.

The Examiner is requested to initial the attached form PTO-1449 and to return a copy of the initialed document to the undersigned as an indication that the references have been considered and made of record.

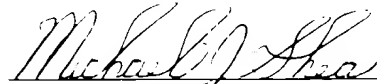
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